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Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name:	Somerset County Local Behavioral Health Authority Council (SCLBHAC) meeting
Date of Meeting: Dec 17, 2025	Time: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Minutes Prepared By: Sharon Creasy	Location: 8928 Sign post Rd Westover MD 21871 & 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Objective:	Business Meeting
Attendees:	Jessica Pastusak (SCHD), Shannon Frey(SCHD), Andra Taylor (SCHD), Edwana Cottman (TidalHealth), Sharon R. Creasy -(SCHD), Marc Pixley (Palmetto), Cherie Meienschein (Recovery Courts), Rachel Sadorf (ESHC), Bryant Howard (CHC), Sherry Hostetler (WorWic), Lori Engle (DSS), Lisa Thomas (DPSCS), Kelli Ellson (MD Coalition),
(Agenda Item:	Discussion
Welcome & Introductions	Jessica Pastusak welcomed everyone to the meeting and did round table introductions.
Approval of Minutes	Jessica Pastusak approved the minutes and Edwana Cottman 2nd the approval
The Parent’s Place of Maryland- Wendy Nargiz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PPMD has been providing Family peer support to families caring for children and youth with disabilities, and special healthcare since 1990. ● in 2025 the services expanded to include anyone in the family having behavioral health, mental health, substance use and problem gambling ● help the nurses prepare for a 504 plan or IET meeting. ● Referrals can be done online at https://www.ppm.org/contact/ ● this is a free service for families in Maryland provided through “Families Helping Families” ● Has to be
Nominations for Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Claudia Nelson retired in October and we are in need of a nomination for a new chair. Please email Jessica Pastusak at Jessica.Pastusak@maryland.gov

Ideas on Training for FY 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● we have funding for training this year ● Any ideas on training ? We had Understanding the Grief of Traumatic Loss and Reentry Training.
Agency Updates/ Upcoming Trainings	<p>Shannon Frey (SCHD) - Our HALS COC (Homeless alliance for lower shore continuum of care) permanent housing is ending. We have several programs ending in January and February. We have some funds to pay through April. The other grant ends September 30, 2026.. The Permanent Supportive Housing program grant allowance went from 90% to only 30%. HUD is now moving towards Transitional housing which is different from permanent housing. These families will no longer have the case management. We are also not taking applications for the program.</p> <p>Cherie Meienschein (Recovery Courts)- The Recovery Center is now at the Courthouse in Circuit Court. Cherie is working remotely due to office space since the Wellness and Recovery center closed.</p> <p>Edwana Cottman (TidalHealth) - Tidalhealth will be linking the crisis center to the outpatient services for a smoother patient journey.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 10:00 am - 11:00 am, **Hybrid** 8928 Sign Post Rd Suite 2 Westover, Md 21871</p>